

# Trustee frets about extra-curriculars

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## SCHOOLS

A Farmington school board member said she is concerned about the future of extra-curricular school activities, because of the current round of cuts faced by public education.

Trustee Susan Rennels said the district must get a grasp on how many students are participating in sports, music, clubs and other activities before the district is forced to look at making additional cuts. "We are increasingly going to be looking at budget cuts," Rennels said. "Extracurriculars are going to be looked at — they have to be justified with the numbers."

"I think they are an important part of the academic program — and they are always the first thing to go."

Rennels said the district may face programs like "pay for play" and must prepare for a future with less money. School administrators will look at putting together a re-

port on how many students participate in programs so the board can "take a measure of the iceberg," in Rennels' words. "It's more to get a handle on what's happening now and what will happen in the future."

No timeline was given for such a report, and building and student services director Don Cowan said he was considering how to tackle what could be a monumental task.

"We've all thought about it," he said. "We want to be prepared. We have to take a look at it."

"I don't think a lot of people realize the magnitude of a school district," he added. "It's deep."

Cowan said he may begin by having school principals put together a comprehensive list of activities.

The district faces ongoing cutbacks from the state, where legislators are looking for ways to balance

their budget. In jeopardy now is the employer's share of social security tax, traditionally paid for by the state.

The district also faces increasing anti-tax sentiment by residents and taxpayers in the district. In recent years, the district lost a bond issue which included money to renovate buildings, and also lost a bid to increase the district's operational millage. In light of the 1991 millage loss, the district pared about 160 jobs and cut back on some student programs.

Rennels' comments came during a board study session last week in which the board was discussing athletic programs. During that session, district athletic director Ron Holland reported that the district has 46 non-faculty coaches and 106 coaches which are current faculty members. Reports were also given about each school's booster clubs.

The status of traditional girls sports, including cheerleading and pom-pom, was also discussed briefly and is expected to be a continuing topic at future meetings.



Officer Hilton Hyde

## Hilton Hyde is top cop

Officer Hilton Hyde of Farmington's Department of Public Safety has received the 1992 Farmington Optimist Club Police Officer of the Year.

Both Hyde and Farmington Hills' Officer Robert Burkart each received the awards at a recent Optimists breakfast. In February the 20-year public

safety veteran also was elected 1992 Officer of the Year by his department. The 43-year-old officer carries a PSOL or superior officer rank with the department which handles both police and fire operations for the city.

Hyde lives in Farmington with his wife, Lynn, and daughter, Carrie.

## Eton sets graduation ceremony

Philip Novell, a general sales manager of the Ford division and a former student, will provide the graduation address at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, to the senior class of Eton Academy in Birmingham.

Twelve seniors are graduating this year, with the ceremony planned at St. Columban's Church in Birmingham.

Local graduates include: Ann Pearce, Chris Thomson and Rob Thompson, all of Bloomfield Hills.

Eton Academy is a fully accredited school designed to provide kindergarten through 12th grade education for students who show academic potential but have specific learning disabilities.

## LAKES AREA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

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The Lakes Area Youth Soccer League will hold registration for the 1992 Fall season at the Abbott Middle School on:

THURSDAY: JUNE 11, 1992 — 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

AND

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1992 — 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
ORCHARD LAKE ROAD at COMMERCE ROAD

This program is for boys and girls ages 6 through 18 years old whose birthdate is 1985 or earlier. Proof of age is required for players new to the league and social security number is required. For more information call 258-4321. Fee \$36.00

Extra registration forms for mail available at:

- Walled Lake Community Educ., Walled Lake Jr. High, Pontiac Trail near Maple
- West Bloomfield Community Education, Orchard Lake Middle School, Orchard Lake North of Maple
- West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation, Middlebelt north of Long Lake

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Days	Time	Duration	Beginning Date
M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	June 15
M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	June 29
M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	July 13
M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	July 27
M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	August 10
M and W	5:30-6:00 p.m.	5 Weeks	June 15
T and Th	6:15-6:45 p.m.	5 Weeks	June 16
M and W	5:30-6:00 p.m.	5 Weeks	July 20
T and Th	6:15-6:45 p.m.	5 Weeks	July 21
T and Th	6:45-7:15 p.m.	5 Weeks	July 21
Saturday	9:00-9:30 a.m.	10 Weeks	June 20
Saturday	10:15-10:45 a.m.	10 Weeks	June 20

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M thru F	11:00-11:30 a.m.	2 Weeks	June 15
M thru F	10:00-10:30 a.m.	2 Weeks	June 29
M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	June 29
M thru F	11:00-11:30 a.m.	2 Weeks	July 13
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M thru F	10:30-11:00 a.m.	2 Weeks	August 10
M thru F	11:00-11:30 a.m.	2 Weeks	August 10
M & W	4:30-5:00 p.m.	5 Weeks	June 15
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T & Th	4:00-4:30 p.m.	5 Weeks	June 16
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